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FOR MARY HOYT, USIA FOR ILA GEORGE MILLER

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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, ROSALYNN), VE

SUBJ: MRS. CARTER'S TRIP, MEDIA REACTION

REF: USIA U-15006 CIRCULAR

1. TUESDAY EL NACIONAL RUNS TWO COLUMN REPORT BY PAPER'S
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDANT RODOLFO SCHMIDT ON CRITICISMS OF MRS.
CARTER'S ABILITY TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH LATIN LEADERS.
EXCERPTS: "THE WHITE HOUSE CONSIDERS THAT THE CRITICISMS OF
MRS. CARTER'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP COME FROM CHAUVINISTS WHO GIVE
TOO MUCH CREDENCE TO 'LATINO MACHISMO'... DURING HER TRIP MRS.
CARTER WILL VISIT SEVEN COUNTRIES AND WILL HAVE THE PRESIDENTIAL
BLESSING OF HER HUSBAND JIMMY CARTER, WHO HAS CONFIRMED THAT SHE
WILL HOLD SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LEADERS OF THOSE
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COUNTRIES SHE VISITS..MRS. CARTER, WHO HAS NEVER HELD A PUBLIC
OR ELECTED OFFICE, BEGINS HER TRIP ARMED WITH MANY SPANISH LESSONS.
WITHOUT TAKING AWAY FROM HER ADMIRABLE TALENT, DYNAMISM AND
EXPERIENCE AS WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA, THIS IS A MISSION
TOO DELICATE TO UNDERTAKE WITHOUT THE MOST THOROUGH PREPARATION..
IN SPITE OF WHAT ONE SPOKESMAN ATTRIBUTES TO MAY LATIN AMERICAN
LEADERS AS 'A STEREPTYPE IMAGE OF WOMEN,' THIS HISTORICAL IMAGE

OF WOMEN IS CHANGING AT AN ACCELERATED RATE IN LATIN AMERICA. BUT THE DOUBT OVER MRS. CARTER'S EXPERIENCE AS A DIPLOMAT CONTINUES TO BE VALID. IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE HOW SHE COULD DO BETTER THAN THE US AMBASSADORS ASSIGNED TO THE COUNTRIES SHE WILL VISIT IN 'LISTENING TO THE COMMENTS AND REACTIONS OF THE LEADERS OF LATIN AMERICA ON THE POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES,' WHICH AN OFFICIAL OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAS CALLED THE OBJECTIVE OF THE TRIP..."

2. NO OTHER EDITORIAL COMMENT ON TRIP AT THIS POINT.

3. TUESDAY EL NACIONAL RUNS TWO COLUMNS, TO DECK FRONT PAGE HEAD, "ROSALYNN CARTER IN JAMAICA", UPI STORY JUMP PAGED IN TWO COLUMNS; "HEMISPHERIC JOURNEY BEGINS, ROSALYNN CARTER IN JAMAICAS;" SUBHEAD, "CALLS JAMAICAN EXPERIENCE 'OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE' FOR DEVELOPING WORLD." AP WIRE PHOTO OF ROSALYNN AND JIMMY CARTER SAYING GOODBYE RUNS ALONG SIDE STORY.

4. EL UNIVERSAL CABLEPAGES AP STORY IN TWO COLUMNS, WITH THREE DECK HEAD, "CARTER'S WIFE BEGINS LATIN AMERICAN TRIP;" SUBHEAD, "FIRST STOP JAMAICA, LAST STOP VENEZUELA." AP PHOTO OF MRS. CARTER MEETING MICHAEL MANLEY RUNS BESIDE STORY.

5. TABLOID ULTIMAS NOTICIAS BURIES UPI STORY IN BACK PAGES; TWO COLUMNS, TWO DECK HEAD, "ROSALYNN CARTER IN JAMAICA." VAKY

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